



2025 Impact Report

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Our New Kore Tifi / Power to Girls Initiative

Kore Tifi / Power to Girls works to break the long-standing normalization of violence against girls in rural Haiti. Our vision is simple and bold: to create safe spaces where girls can build confidence, advocate for their own protection, and thrive in communities committed to preventing abuse.

Through partnerships with families, schools, religious leaders, and local influencers, the program promotes knowledge, accountability, and healthier social norms. Kore Tifi strengthens both communities and individuals, fostering justice, compassion, and the belief that every girl deserves to grow up free from fear.



Kore Tifi/Power to Girls Trained mentors

Objectives

We aim to:

- Mobilize 11 communities in Camp-Perrin's second rural section to create changes in what people know, feel, and do about violence against girls/Tifi.
- Establish 8 active Kore Tifi/girls' clubs within those communities to equip 320 girls (ages 10–19) to recognize their inner power and resist violence.
- Build a functional MEAL (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning) system for Kore Tifi within Fondation COFHED Haïti.

95 Trained Community Champions

- 36 community activists
- 20 community leaders
- 6 health personnel
- 11 community focal points
- 2 journalists
- 20 mentors for girls' club



Key Indicators and Results – Phase 1

Focus Areas	Key Indicators	Target	Result Achieved
Community Change	% of community members	75%	85% Exceeded
Network Capacity	% of Kore Tifi Network Members	75%	75% Achieved
Girls' safe spaces	% of functional Girl's clubs	8	100% operational
Girl's participation	# of girls (ages 10–19) actively engaged	320	On Track
Community mobilization	# of active community activists	36	34 active
School linkage	Schools engaged	1 school and 11 focal points	Achieved

"My daughter is a member of the Girls' Club. There was a young man who frequently visited our home and referred to her as his 'wife.' The last time he did this, she firmly told him, 'I am not your wife; do not call me that again. I learned this at the Girls' Club.' Initially, I felt uneasy about her directness, but I am truly proud of her response." IA, parent

673 Active Girls

Despite setting a target of **320** participating girls, the program has gained immense popularity among our community partners, resulting in a total of **673** active girls, with **490** of them aged 10 to 14.

Girls' Mobilization (Girls' Clubs)

Girls' Clubs launched in all 11 targeted localities, with participation especially among girls ages 10–14, far surpassing expectations. Girls are openly discussing power and violence, challenging behaviors they once saw as normal, and building confidence, friendships, and voice. Many are now sharing what they learn at home, extending the impact of Kore Tifi far beyond the club walls.





Power to Girls Community Mobilization (Network-Led)

Community mobilization across all 11 localities revealed a strong desire among parents to better protect and support their daughters. Before Kore Tifi, many forms of violence were normalized or attributed to girls themselves. Through ongoing dialogue and reflection, communities are now rethinking violence, power, and gender roles. Open discussions on prevention and girls' rights show a meaningful shift in attitudes and collective responsibility.



Participant Voices – Evidence of Change

Parents and caregivers reported clear behavioral changes among girls participating in Kore Tifi. Testimonies highlight girls setting boundaries, rejecting inappropriate physical contact or language, and asserting themselves with peers and family members. Several parents noted that approaches they previously used such as punishment had little effect, whereas participation in Girls' Clubs has led to visible, positive change in attitudes and behavior. These stories demonstrate early but concrete signs of protection, empowerment, and healing at the household level.



Community Reflections

- *Many women reflect that had they been afforded opportunities like this during their teenage years, their lives might have taken a different trajectory. Several became mothers while still in school, resulting in challenges they continue to face today.*
- *Community members have noted that some of their struggles originate from a misunderstanding of what true 'power' entails, particularly the concept of personal inner power. They perceive power as being exclusively held by influential leaders or individuals engaged in criminal activities.*
- *Kore Tifi is a valuable initiative that empowers girls to pursue success.*

Achievements

Girls' Clubs are running in all target areas with higher-than-expected participation. Parents increasingly see Kore Tifi as vital for supporting girls. Community activists are mobilizing around girls' rights, and girls report increased self-confidence.

Challenges

- Managing large numbers of girls participating in clubs
- Limited financial resources
- Uneven motivation among some activists
- Resistance and suspicion from some adolescent boys
- Increase the participation of men during community discussions
- Need for additional training and engagement with school personnel

Learning & Adaptation

- Sustained dialogue and reflection are essential for changing deeply rooted norms.
- Many parents recognize violence but fear speaking out due to stigma or retaliation.
- Girls possess significant untapped potential that emerges when safe spaces are created.
- Young women mentors play a critical role as trusted guides and role models
- Renewed parental confidence in girls' futures is emerging through Kore Tifi.
- Community members are expressing interest in complementary programming for boys, recognizing the need for broader inclusion.



Girls' Club for 10 to 14-Year-Olds

Our ability to implement Kore Tifi effectively is rooted in the long-term trust we have built with communities. Years of consistent engagement and dialogue established strong local partnerships before the program began, and communities already viewed C as a reliable, respectful partner. This foundation enabled open, constructive conversations on sensitive issues—girls' rights, gender roles, and violence prevention—and supported high participation from community leaders, parents, and youth. The success of Phase 1 reflects both strong program design and coaching by our **coaching partner Beyond Borders** and sustained grassroots collaboration.



Health network members for KORE TIFI in Marc community

Building Income Through Beekeeping

- **Team:** A dedicated trained group of five individuals skilled in beekeeping, which includes two staff members from Fondation COFHED Haïti and three community engagement catalyst leaders from Gaetan, Gandou, and Garatte, is ready to oversee the entire process from planning to commercialization.
- **Partnership:** We are collaborating with the Centre de Concentration de Ressources Apicoles du Sud (CCRAS) for training and ongoing support.
- **Infrastructure:** We are in the final stages of constructing a fence around the 2nd property designated for the establishment of 8 bee colonies. For the fencing we use monbin, gliricidia, and moringa.
- **Environment:** The bees will flourish in an environment rich with diverse plants, including gliricidia, moringa, mango, citrus, carambola, acacia, cacao, and plantain.



Hives on land in the back of our office



We are excited!

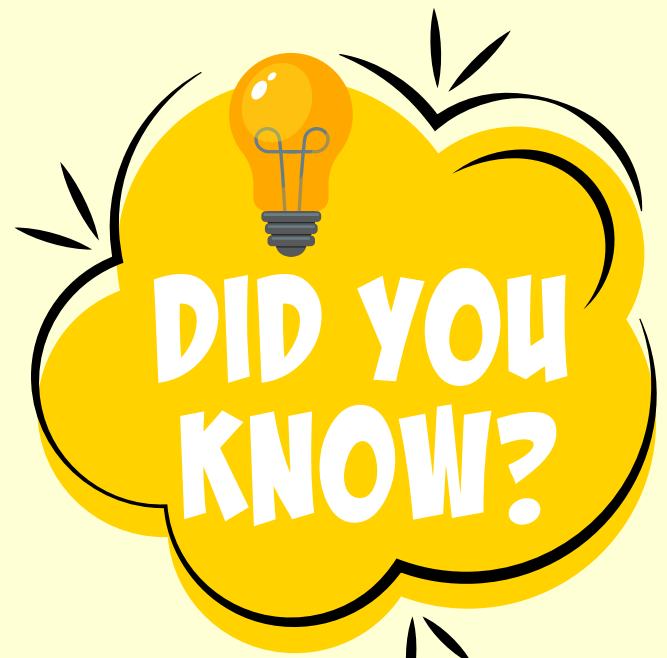
Exciting Beginnings in Beekeeping

We are thrilled to launch our beekeeping initiative, which brings both ecological and economic benefits to our communities. Our hives are strategically placed to take advantage of the region's diverse flora, supporting healthy colonies and high-quality honey production.

By selling honey and related products, we will generate new income streams while increasing community appreciation for environmental stewardship. With expert support from CCRAS, we are adopting best practices and sharing what we learn with our community partners, inviting them to grow this opportunity alongside us.



*There are numerous bee species worldwide, but in Haiti, we focus on domesticating **Apis mellifera**. This species can thrive in either traditional or modern hives.*



Community and Citizen Engagement

Community Mobilization and Dialogue

Over the past year, residents in 13 communities have strengthened their capacity to identify and mobilize local resources, both human and materials. By holding **465** weekly meetings this year, community members evaluated their assets, united around common priorities, and initiated projects that promote environmental protection, mutual funds, community gardens, and strengthen social cohesion.



Youth Engagement & Leadership

Young people have deepened their role as catalysts for change across our network of rural communities. As the largest segment of Haiti's population, they are not only participants but active leaders in shaping their future. Youth groups held **80 meetings** in 13 communities, creating regular spaces for dialogue, learning, and collective problem-solving around civic life, ethics, and local development.



Citizen Engagement & Participatory Research

We deepened our citizen engagement work through a participatory research initiative focused on citizenship, state engagement, and security, led largely by trained high school co-researchers. Together, we are exploring how Haitians define citizenship, how they feel seen, or ignored by the state, and how they understand their rights and responsibilities. This process is not only generating rich data but also amplifying the voices of historically excluded rural citizens and building a new generation of young community researchers and leaders.



Citizen Engagement co-researchers

Strengthening capacity of rural community leaders

Fondation COFHED Haïti led twelve-day training sessions for community leaders from Marc, Duvezin, Lougou, Mahotièrre, Balize, Gandou, Navarre, Guillaume, Picot, Acquier, Garatte, and Gaétan. The program focused on participatory techniques to help facilitators lead more dynamic, inclusive, and effective community meetings and discussions, build group cohesion, and foster collaborative leadership. Training emphasized hands-on learning, communication skills, and adapting methods to local needs. The aim was to enable leaders to run workshops that foster mindset transformation, encourage the adoption of positive social norms, and stimulate collective action.





Community-led Initiatives

We support community-led initiatives rooted in community strengths, evidence, and lived experience, strengthening collective agency, elevating youth leadership, and expanding inclusive civic participation, so residents can define priorities, mobilize local resources, and translate community decisions into sustained local action. Utilizing Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and asset-based assessments as essential tools for community diagnosis, prioritization, and action planning. This approach ensures that initiatives are realistic, informed by local knowledge, and grounded in the community's strengths.

Economic Development

MOFADEL: The Economic Engine Driven by Women

687 Members
371 Women (54%)
272 Men
44 Associations



- There are 252 active loans provided to members.
- Women make up 70% of those who have received loans.



- Agricultural loans are the most frequently requested by members (121 agro-loans)
- Small business loans are the second most requested type among members (88 business loans)



Savings and loan support was extended to an additional 92 women in 10 communities.



As a woman passionate about farming, I often struggle to buy seeds due to limited funds. This program came in response to a real and growing need, it helped me start a cabbage garden that's been a great support for my family. I'm truly grateful to Fondation COFHED and hopeful for more loans to launch a community garden. I'm committed to fighting hunger and supporting our children's education in Lougou.

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*Empowered Women
Empower Women*



COMMUNITY-LED EDUCATION

2025 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION IN LOUGOU



We are immensely grateful to witness children from our partner rural communities flourish and have the opportunity to attend school. This year, we supported **631** students, ranging from Pre-K to 12th grade, along with **39** teachers. However, parents are still required to contribute a portion of their children's tuition. Despite receiving scholarships, many parents continue to struggle with fulfilling their financial responsibilities.



Petite Academie de Lougou-Second Place Winners- Interschool Academic Competition



Community Impact & Local Ownership

Across partner communities, residents are turning dialogue into action.

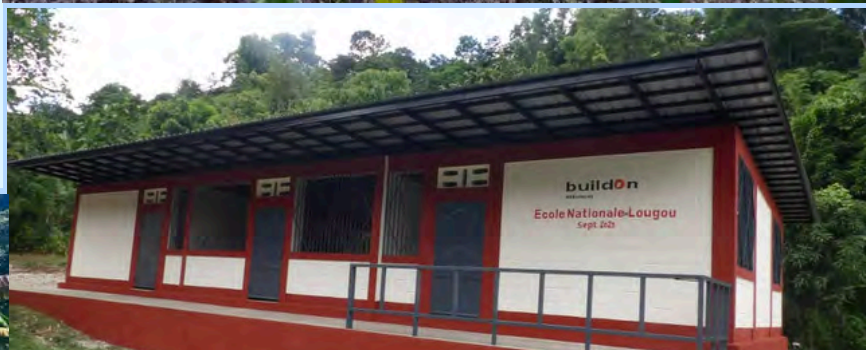
- In Guillaume, residents came together to build a new road by collaborating with another organization and Fondation COFHED Haiti, contributing their own labor and other resources. Children, elders, and volunteer masons worked side by side, transforming discussions about “working together” into tangible change that benefits everyone.
- In Gandou, after two years of weekly dialogue on topics such as equity, corruption, reconciliation, and shared leadership and more, community members established a savings fund, and invested in a community garden featuring plantains, pineapples, and yams. The future harvests from this garden will help cover high school tuition for local students.
- In Marc, Community members are building a shelter to serve as a preschool classroom.
- In Lougou, residents pooled resources and partnered with Build-On to construct three new classrooms and four latrine stalls.



Gandou community garden and Guillaume community new road



Marc Community Shelter for Preschoolers



Lougou school and latrines

Hurricane Melissa Relief

Thank you for standing with our partner communities after the passage of hurricane Melissa. Your support has been invaluable in providing food supplies to the most vulnerable. We are continuously inspired by the resilience and courage of the people affected and are committed to continuing our efforts to restore hope and stability. Your generosity and compassion make a significant difference, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment.



What's in the bag?

376

kits were distributed
among 13
community partners
and various other
localities.

- 2 packs of spaghetti
- 1 bottle of cooking oil
- 6 heads of garlic
- 6 lbs of cornmeal
- 6 lbs of sugar
- 6 lbs of rice
- 6 lbs of beans
- 1 bowl of butter
- 3 bars of soap
- 4 packs of laundry detergent
- 2 herrings
- 1 can of salmon



We know we are
successful when we
are no longer needed

Across these communities, people are now managing microcredit and savings groups, keeping their surroundings clean, planting trees, and reporting fewer illnesses. Together, these efforts show a profound shift: residents no longer see themselves as dependent recipients, but as resourceful, capable actors who can manage risks, heal divisions, and drive their own development.

The Role of Young Leaders in Haiti's Future

Young individuals represent the largest segment of Haiti's population, and from the very beginning, they have been our partners in learning, emerging as leaders and catalysts for change. Through their active participation, they are influencing both the current landscape and the future of their communities.

These young leaders now aim to take part in national discussions, ensuring that rural voices are considered in decisions that impact their lives. Their increasing engagement signifies a fresh perspective on citizenship, rooted in dignity, collaboration, and a shared commitment to shaping Haiti's future.



Our Challenges

As we expand, insufficient funding for personnel continues to pose a significant challenge, affecting our capacity to attract and retain skilled talent. Our main focus is to ensure a seamless leadership transition to future Haitian leaders, which will necessitate investment in staffing and capacity development. We are seeking financial support to strengthen our team and leadership pipeline, ensuring this transition is sustainable and our impact continues to grow.



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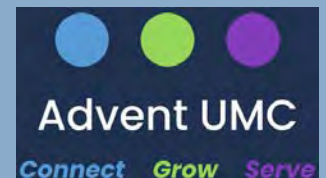


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